

## Writing Moves to Connect Ideas

The following templates are for you to experiment with as you write your paper. Try them out. When you start feeling more confident, you'll find yourself creating your own moves. Each category contains suggestions for different kinds of moves that you might need.

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### 1. Templates for Introducing Quotes

- ◆ X states, "not all steroids should be banned from sports."
  - ◆ As the prominent philosopher X puts it, "\_\_\_\_\_."
  - ◆ According to X, "\_\_\_\_\_."
  - ◆ X himself writes, "\_\_\_\_\_."
  - ◆ In her book/ article, \_\_\_\_\_, X maintains that "\_\_\_\_\_."
  - ◆ Writing in the journal *Commentary*, X complains that "\_\_\_\_\_."
  - ◆ In X's view, "\_\_\_\_\_."
  - ◆ X agrees when he writes, "\_\_\_\_\_."
  - ◆ X disagrees when she writes, "\_\_\_\_\_."
  - ◆ X complicates matters further when he writes, "\_\_\_\_\_."
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### 2. Templates for Explaining Quotes (Warranting)

- ◆ Basically, X is warning that the proposed solution will only make the problem worse.
- ◆ In other words, X believes \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ In making this comment, X urges us to \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ X is corroborating the age-old adage that \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ The essence of X's argument is that \_\_\_\_\_.

**As a writer, you would then go on to add the "So What?" of your evidence after using one of the templates from this section.**

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### 3. Templates for Connecting the Parts (Transitions)

As a writer, you've got to tie the ideas in your last sentence to your next sentence. Transitions and transitional phrases help writers to this. Choosing the right transition depends on what you're trying to say as a writer.

**Example:** Spot is a good dog. Spot has fleas.

**Better Examples:** Spot is a good dog, **but** he has fleas.  
Spot is a good dog **even though** he has fleas.

**Mismatched Example:** Spot is a good dog; **as a result**, he has fleas.  
(He doesn't have fleas because he is good. His fleas were caused by something else.)

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#### ADDITION

also	in addition
and	indeed
besides	in fact
furthermore	moreover
	so too

#### EXAMPLE

after all	specifically
as an illustration	to take a case in point
for example	consider
for instance	

#### ELABORATION

actually	to put it another way
by extension	to put it bluntly
in short	to put it succinctly
that is	ultimately
in other words	

#### CAUSE AND EFFECT

accordingly	so
as a result	then
consequently	therefore
hence	thus
	since

#### COMPARISON

along the same lines	likewise
in the same way	similarly

#### CONCESSION

admittedly	naturally
although it is true	of course
granted	to be sure

#### CONTRAST

although	nevertheless
but	nonetheless
by contrast	on the contrary
conversely	on the other hand
despite	regardless
even though	whereas
however	while yet
in contrast	

#### CONCLUSION

as a result	in sum
consequently	therefore
hence	thus
in conclusion	to sum up
in short	to summarize